

## Questions:

Can you please provide me with the following information: Across all Health and Social Care Trusts within Northern Ireland:

1. The number of multidisciplinary teams, or equivalent professional teams, providing autism services;
2. The number of established behaviour analyst posts, trained to recognised professional standards, within those teams;
3. The number of those posts that are currently filled; and
4. The number of behaviour analysts registered with the UK Society for Behaviour Analysis currently employed.

## Responses:

1. Each Health and Social Care (HSC) Trust within Northern Ireland has two specialist multidisciplinary teams focusing on autism; one in children's services and one within adult services. Across all HSC Trusts individuals with autism may also be supported by a wide range of other services depending on their individual needs and presentation.
2. As at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, no HSC Trust had established dedicated Behaviour Analyst posts within their specialist autism teams. HSC Trusts deliver autism services in line with NICE guidance, which does not identify Behaviour Analysts as core autism team members. Behavioural assessment and intervention needs are met by Practitioner Psychologists, Behaviour Therapists, and other clinicians with relevant skills. Some staff may hold training in Behaviour Analysis as part of CPD, but this is not a post requirement.
3. I refer you to the response for Question 2.
4. As at 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, all HSC Trusts report that they do not hold records of the number of staff registered with the Society for Behaviour Analysis as this is not a regulatory body.

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